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POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION - Resettlement of ex-servicemen - Demobilization and Resettlement - Legislative Council Question No.118 (Starred) - Papers recorded.

SERVICEMEN DISCHARGED FROM THE DEFENCE FORCES.

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*118.Q.--SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state--

(a) the number of servicemen from this Province who have been discharged so far from the Defence Forces;

(b) the number of discharged men who have been resettled in this Province.

(c) the nature of the assistance given to settle them in life;

(d) the number of institutions started for their benefit, their location, facilities available and the number employed or settled in each; and

(e) the expenditure involved in resettling ex-servicemen and whether the whole or any part of it is borne by the Government of India?

The HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Food):- "(a) The number of servicemen discharged up to Government is 208,491.

"(b) The number resettled is 48,216 including discharged war workers.

"(c) The Employment Exchange organization set up by the Government of India and the District Employment Offices ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ established by this Government assist the ex-servicemen in resettling in life by finding them suitable employment under the Provincial and Central Governments as well as in private ~~xxxxxx~~ undertakings and firms. The Government of India have undertaken Technical and Vocational Training of Ex-servicemen and Ex-servicemen in various trades so as to promote their efficiency in civil employment. A number of Co-operative Workshops, Motor Transport Societies and Land Colonization Co-operatives ~~x~~ including some miscellaneous co-operative schemes have been sanctioned by the Government of Madras for resettlement of ex-servicemen.

"(d) A statement [a] giving the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

"(e) So far a sum of Rs.18,30,000 has been spent on the Provincial Resettlement schemes by this Government. The Government of India have promised a contribution of a third of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs.500 per colonist for the Land Colonization schemes. They have since declined to make any contribution towards the Co-operative Workshop schemes.

Besides this, a sum of Rs.8,30,600 is being met from the Provincial funds towards the Central Government schemes such as Technical and Vocational Training schemes and Employment Exchange organization. This amount represent 40 per cent of the total cost of the schemes".

1. SRI P.R.K.SARMA:-- "May I know, Sir, whether all the Co-operative societies organized for the employment of ex-servicemen are working economically?

THE HON. DR..P. SUBBARAYAN:-- "I believe so, Sir".

2. SRI P.R.K.SARMA:-- "May I know, Sir, whether there are proposals under the consideration of the Government for closing down the Strathie Co-operative Society and Hood Co-operative Society for ex-servicemen?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:-- "I have not got the information, Sir".

3. SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:-- "In view of the large amounts that are being spent and in view of the fact that the number of people benefited by these schemes is so small, will the Government consider the desirability of either re-examining the existing schemes and closing down some of them, or substitute some other schemes which are more useful and attractive to ex-servicemen?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:-- "I may say for the information of the Hon. Member that a re-examination and reconsideration are being made at present."

4. SRI P.R.K.SARMA:-- "May I know, Sir, whether in the co-operative societies intended for ex-servicemen a large number of other workers also are employed?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:-- "It may be so, Sir".

5. SRI P.R.K.SARMA:-- "May I know whether in the Strathie Co-operative Society a large number of workers are employed than even actual ex-servicemen, and whether there are any proposals under consideration for closing down, because it is uneconomical."

The Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:-- "I shall make an enquiry, Sir."

Please see the cutting from the Legislative Council proceedings on page 61 c.f. Reference is particularly invited to the supplementary questions therein. With regard to items 1, 3 and 4, no action is called for. In item 2, the member has enquired whether there are proposals under the consideration of Government for closing down the Strathie Co-operative Society and Hood Co-operative Society for ex-servicemen. So far as this department are aware of, there is no co-operative Society for ex-servicemen called "Hood Co-operative Society". It will also be seen from the list on pp.51-59 c.f. that there is no reference to any such society. The point whether there is a proposal under the consideration of the Government for closing down the Strathie Co-operative Society repeats itself in item 5. Hence no action is called for with reference to item 2 also.

In item 5, the Hon'ble Minister has stated that he shall make an enquiry. It may be mentioned here that the Government have already ordered the dissolution of the Strathie Co-operative Engineering Workshop in G.O.No.Ms.2783,

Public (Resettlement) dated 5-9-1947. The L.C.Question in this file was answered on 6-11-1947. In answer to another question in the Council, it has actually been announced to the house on 7-11-1947, That the Government have since ordered the dissolution of the Strathie Co-operative Engineering Workshops after completing the works on hand. Since the society has been ordered to be dissolved, the question whether a large number of workers are employed than even actual ex-servicemen, does not arise. The member may be informed as at 'A' above. A draft letter is submitted for approval.

In view of the subsequent answer given on 7-11-47 Sec. page 5 N.F. of (M) - a reply to the M.L.C. does not seem necessary. Unless the M.L.C.specifically asks for it. For orders.

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No further action is called for in this file. The papers may be recorded in a Ms.G.O. for facility of future reference.

G.O.Ms.No.411, Dated 24th February 1948.

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